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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Woods et al.
Title: Process for Hydroxyalkylating Carboxylic Acid-Functionalized Materials
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Examiner: D. R. Wilson
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim ~~44~~ without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

23. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing a dihydroxyl-functionalized material by hydroxyalkylating a dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material, said

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